

On 21-26 April, over 200 history and geography teachers, historians, curriculum designers and textbook authors from over 40 countries, including all over Europe, as well as delegates from other continents.

The Mediterranean Sea has often been depicted as the cradle of world civilisations. The sea is known in English and the Romance languages as the sea “between the lands”, but historically the Mediterranean Sea has gone by many names. The Romans have called it Mare Nostrum (Our Sea); in Arabic and Turkish the sea is often referred to as the White Sea (al-Bahr al-Abyad and Akdeniz, respectively); in Hebrew, it is called Yam Gadol (Great Sea), and in German Mittelmeer (Middle Sea).

Since Antiquity, the Mediterranean Basin has been the centre for the three monotheisms, flourishing civilisations, migrations, the development of cultural, scientific and economic exchanges, but also for the intersections of wars. Today, unfortunately, the Mediterranean Basin is the theatre of a humanitarian crisis that has challenged the collective leadership around the sea.

To understand the current challenges around the Mediterranean, history, heritage, and citizenship education has a key role to play. That is precisely the reason why EUROCLIO and APHG have decided to choose “Mediterranean Dialogues: Teaching History beyond our Horizons” as the theme for its 25th Annual Conference. Questions addressed are:

How can we make current challenges understandable through the Mediterranean Region’s history?

How can we work towards truly meaningful Mediterranean dialogues?

Can history education allow us to look beyond our European horizons?

And, how can we teach history by looking beyond our horizons?

Countries represented:

Albania

Belgium

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bulgaria

Canada

China

Cyprus

Czech Republic

Denmark

Egypt

Estonia

Finland

France

Germany

Greece

Hungary

Iceland

India

Israel
Italy
Japan
Lebanon
Luxembourg
Macedonia
Malta
Morocco
Netherlands
Norway
Pakistan
Palestine
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Russia
South Korea
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Tunisia
United Kingdom
United States

Facts and Figures

- 200 delegates
- 41 countries represented
- 18 workshops by teachers and historians from 10 countries
- 6 international panel discussions, including 2 Members of European Parliament
- 5 fields visits, including to Camp de Milles, Toulon, Marseille La Pannier, Cultural Centre Kleber and Musee d'Histoire.
- 1 International General Assembly of History Teachers Associations and Associates of EUROCLIO - European Association of History Educators
- Special sessions including World Cafe for Euro-Mediterranean Dialogues, Global Expert Group on Cross-border history education resources

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- Council of Europe
- European Union: Europe for Citizens "European Remembrance Programme"
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- Evens Foundation
- eTwinning
- Fondation pour la Memorial de la Shoah
- Global Centre for Pluralism

- La Ligue de l'enseignement
- Marseilleyre School
- Mucem - Museum of Euro-Mediterranean Culture
- Musee d'Histoire
- NACE - Networking Arab Civic Education
- The Netherlands Embassy to France
- Northeast Asian History Foundation
- ONAC - Office national des anciens combattants et victimes de guerre
- Open Society Foundations: Arab Regional Office and Education Support Programme
- Rendez-vous de la Histoire
- Shoah Memorial
- UNESCO
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